





# China Light Staff's Tribute To R.A.F. Chief

NOW MR. MOLLOY, "BUILT UP EVERYTHING WITH HONOUR, IS RETURNING HOME. WE HOPE MR. MOLLOY WILL ARRIVE SAFELY AND RISE TO FAME," READS A BEAUTIFULLY INScribed SEVEN FOOT CHINESE SCROLL PRESENTED TO SQUADRON-LEADER A. V. MOLLOY, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE R.A.F. ENGINEERING UNIT, NO. 53 R.U. BY THE DIRECTORS AND STAFF OF THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD. AT KOW LOON.

THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE AS A TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE UNIT WHOSE WORK PREVENTED A BLACK OUT IN BOTH KOWLOON AND HONG KONG AND WAS A BIG FACTOR IN ELIMINATING THE DANGER OF A BLACK OUT AFTER THE JAPANESE SURRENDER.

When S. L. Molloy and other members of the unit took over the Kowloon power station, they found it in a state of complete chaos.

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## LINGNAN RE-UNION

The Hong Kong Branch of the Lingnan University Alumni Association held their first re-union dinner since the war last night at the Cafe de Chine.

There were over 140 past students present.

Mr. Leung Foon, who acted as master of ceremonies, told those present that Lingnan has already resumed classes, and that as it was the first educational institution to restart in Canton, there were about 2,000 students compared to the pre-war average of 1,000.

Mr. Leung also mentioned that whereas, in the past, the University received assistance only from American sources, he was happy to state that, in future, assistance will be also given by the British.

Thus he felt sure would strengthen the bonds of friendship between the three peoples.

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## Sweeping Pearl River

Mine-sweeping operations in the Pearl River Delta by the Royal Navy start today, when this is done the 10th Mine-sweeping flotilla will assist in clearing more mines in the Delta.

Later, specially designed craft of the mine-sweeping flotilla equipped with the latest electrical devices for mine-sweeping will be in operation.

## Speed-Up In Moving Unrra Supplies

MEASURES FOR SPEEDING UP THE TRANSPORT OF UNRRAS SUPPLIES FROM HONG KONG TO THE INTERIOR IN SOUTH CHINA ARE NOW IN FULL SWING.

The first items to receive attention are 5,500 tons of flour brought to Hong Kong by the "Wing Sang" and the "Empire Allerton".

This initial consignment is for distribution in Kwangtung, Kwangsi, and Yunnan, to get 3,500 tons and Kwangsi, 2,000 tons.

Some 1,000 tons will be shipped to Swatow, and the balance to Canton, as the main distribution points for Kwangtung.

An initial shipment of 210 tons was forwarded by train to Canton on Dec. 14, and it is understood that an arrangement has been reached with the Railway Administration to take from 150 to 250 tons a day.

In addition, the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. are reported to be arranging to send down two wooden hull steamers to assist in the task of transfer.

Present plans are to shift the whole 5,500 tons from Hong Kong within 20 days.

Regarding the motor trucks which UNRRAs has brought into Hong Kong, these are to remain here for the time being, to be used for local UNRRAs transport services.

JAPANESE OFFICERS ARRIVE

Among arrivals in H.M.S. "Hesper" yesterday were about 16 officers who had had an extensive course in England in the Japanese language. All are quite proficient in this language.

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## Old Faces Aboard Pres. Grant

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## More Rickshas For Colony

A report from Macao states that 100 of rickshas have been shipped to Hong Kong, and that 400 more are soon to follow.

The situation in Macao is that since the cessation of hostilities, business has been so dull for rickshas that many have left, and that in state of indifference in the way of reductions in rental offered by the owners, there has been no improvement.

The demand for rickshas in Hong Kong, on the other hand, is high and syndicates have decided to ship surplus vehicles where they are needed.

The ricksha industry enjoyed prosperity in Macao during the war years. From a pre-war total of 600 vehicles, the number increased to 1,700 odd during the last licensing season.

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# A FOUNDATION FOR PEACE

## General MacArthur's Agrarian Reform Order

### To Free Peasants From Slavery

NEW YORK, DEC. 16. TWO MORE WESTERN AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS JOINED IN HERALDING GENERAL MACARTHUR'S LAND REFORM PROGRAMME AS EMANCIPATION OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE. THE "PORTLAND OREGON JOURNAL" CALLED IT A FOUNDATION FOR PEACE. THE "JOURNAL" SAID: "FUTURE WORLD PEACE IS GOING TO DEPEND UPON WHAT IS DONE WITH GERMAN AND JAPAN AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF THESE UNHAPPY COUNTRIES."

The newspaper said present condition of war leaders is insufficient because they could not have led the nations to war without the development of economic conditions that made for suffering, for starvation of the body and soul.

General MacArthur has just issued a directive that should eliminate one of the greatest causes of suffering among the little people of Japan, the "Journal" said, with the break-up of the landed monopolies and estates.

"It will probably be found that the war makers, themselves are most to blame when they tried to convince their people that economic troubles were brought about by machine guns of wicked foreigners, by convincing money lenders and by international industrialists intent upon their own enrichment at the expense of a down-trodden nation."

#### JUST MODE OF LIFE

Thus it will be soon that the greatest issue right now even more immediate than the disarmament of the atomic bomb, is the restoration to the world of a just and equitable mode of life.

Well-fed people are usually happy people, happy people seldom pick quarrels, and with no quarrels picked wars become less and less probable."

The Spokane "Spokesman-Review" says the freeing of tenant farmers is likely to prove the most important reform inaugurated under allied control of Japan. Its emancipation proclamation is designed to end

the system which amounts to the enslavement of millions of small farm families.

"The programme is revolutionary in its scope and when effectuated will raise the status of an impoverished and oppressed peasantry. It is intended eventually to free them from a hopeless debt and give them a sense of dignity as independent land owners."

**POVERTY OF JAPAN**  
"The programme will sweep away an oppressive and degraded feudalism and should prove a long step toward political as well as economic reconstruction of the country."

The San Diego "Tribune and Sun" says the poverty of Japan is most apparent to the Nisei who has renounced American citizenship in resentment against being held in war time relocation centres.

In its editorial the paper said: "Now back in the land of their fathers they are aghast at what they find there. Chances are their parents left Japan because of unsatisfactory conditions. These conditions have grown worse and there is ample reason to fear will get still worse before there is any improvement." Associated Press.

### Barney Turns To Old Love

Beverly Hills, Cal., Dec. 16. **Barney Oldfield**, famous early day automobile racing driver, to-day remarried Rebecca Oldfield, whom he divorced 20 years ago. They are both aged 67. Oldfield divorced his third wife last week. Associated Press.

### Britain Asked To Intervene In U.S. Dispute!

DETROIT, DEC. 16. THE C.I.O. UNITED AUTO WORKERS SAID TODAY THE UNION HAD ASKED THE BRITISH LABOUR GOVERNMENT TO INTERCEDE AS GENERAL MOTORS STOCK HOLDERS IN THE UNION'S DISPUTE WITH THE CORPORATION.

President R. J. Thomas of the C.A.W. said that the Union wrote Prime Minister Attlee asking the British Government to make known to General Motors that profits "are indeed a concern of workers and owners of any company."

Thomas said he was reliably informed that the British Government, as of last October, owned 431,000 shares, common stock, of General Motors.

The Union has now been striking 26 days against General Motors, seeking a 30 per cent wage increase, arguing that the company's records would show that the firm's profits warranted such increase. Associated Press.

### Rights Of General Assembly Discussed

LONDON, DEC. 16. THE DEBATE, WHICH YESTERDAY APPEARED TO BECOME A REAL CONFLICT, OVER THE RESPECTIVE POWERS AND RIGHTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION AND WHICH WAS RESOLVED TO-DAY AT VOTING TIME IN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE NUMBER EIGHT, WHICH DEALS WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WAS DESCRIBED BY THE INDIAN DELEGATE, SIR RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR, AS REMINDING HIM OF THE SAN FRANCISCO DEBATE.

He said that he saw no chance of a compromise between the conflicting principles reached in the Preparatory Commission stage and proposed that the whole matter be left over to the General Assembly.

Two alternative Soviet amendments were defeated and the Canadian amendments, which the proposer claimed as a compromise satisfying the essentials of the Soviet viewpoint, as expressed by the Soviet delegate, M. Andrei Gromyko, were accepted.

The point at issue was whether the General Assembly should have the right to discuss recommendations of the Preparatory Commission for discussion, including its methods of procedure and agenda, or whether they should be passed direct to the Security Council itself.

The Committee finally adopted by 26 votes to five, with six abstentions, the Canadian proposal, modifying the existing text of the article of provisional agenda for the first part of the first session of the General Assembly, which provides for a general discussion of the Preparatory Commission's report, so that the Assembly would have the right but no obligation to discuss anything unless it so wished. Reuter.

### Code Cracking Secret: New Fuss Pending

WASHINGTON, DEC. 16. PEARL HARBOR INVESTIGATORS YESTERDAY HEARD THE NAVY REPORT THAT THE UNITED STATES CROISER "BOISE" WAS NEVER CLOSER THAN 1,400 MILES TO THE JAPANESE TASK FORCE WHICH STRUCK HAWAII ON DECEMBER 7, 1941.

The Navy had replied to a question raised early in the hearings whether the "Boise" had sighted the Japanese task force but did not report because radio silence was ordered.

Senator Lucas, Democrat of Illinois, told reporters the Committee should find out how Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, had learned that the United States broke the Japanese codes. Lucas drew from Lieut-General Leonard T. Gerow on the witness stand at Saturday's hearing the opinion that any military officer who deliberately exposed a secret in war time deserved the death penalty.

From General George Marshall the Committee had heard last week that he learned during the 1944 Presidential campaign that Dewey apparently had learned of the code cracking and gave the Committee copies of letters in which he had appealed to the Republican nominee not to disclose the secret. Associated Press.

### Pet Bill Not Favoured

Manila, Dec. 16. High Commissioner Paul McNutt's pet Bill to standardize creditor-debtor transactions consummated during the Japanese occupation was coolly received by the Philippine Congress yesterday. Elpidio Quirino, Senate President, pro tem, said that after the Committee hearing the Committee would not recommend passage of the Bill unless a "compelling" reason is shown. Associated Press.

### Britain Must Face Fiercer Camp Schools Competition

LONDON, DEC. 16. THE CITY IS JUST BEGINNING TO REALISE THAT UNDER THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LOAN AGREEMENT, BOTH BRITAIN'S AND INDIA'S INDUSTRIES MUST SOON FACE MUCH FIERCER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION THAN EITHER COUNTRY HAS KNOWN FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

WITHIN A YEAR AFTER CONGRESS RATIFIES THE LOAN, ANY STERLING ARISING FROM INDIA'S OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY'S CURRENT TRADE WITH BRITAIN AND ANY STERLING RELEASED FROM EXISTING STERLING BALANCES WILL BE FREELY SPENDABLE ANYWHERE IN THE BEST AND CHEAPEST MARKET (NOTABLY INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES), WHILE ALL REMAINING STERLING BALANCES BECOME COMPLETELY BLOCKED AND CANNOT BE SPENT ANYWHERE.

That is what convertibility means.

Hitherto, Sterling's unconvertibility gave some preference to British industries since some overseas countries placed orders at uneconomically high prices rather than to leave their Sterling balances idle.

The inability to convert India's Sterling into Dollars greatly restricted the competition of United States goods in the Indian market. The competition of British and other Sterling area goods was restricted by their shortage.

Any reduction of Indian tariffs or Empire preferences at next Summer's conference will obviously conduce to still further international competition.

India, like other countries, will not reduce her tariffs and preferences unless she receives competition in other markets.

But the whole thing will now be competition in the world market with much less protection of domestic and empire markets by exchange control, tariffs or preferences.

Doubtless, international competition is an excellent thing, particularly for the great mass of Indian consumers, but the adjustment of particular industries will not be paid in India, Britain

#### SIX ABSTENTIONS

London, Dec. 16. The United Nations preparatory commission selected the United States as the site for United Nations Organisation Headquarters late yesterday after

#### GENERAL PATTON

Frankfurt, Dec. 16. The condition of General George Patton, who was injured in an automobile accident last Sunday, is described as excellent in an official bulletin to-day which noted "slight but significant improvement during the past 24 hours." Associated Press.

### Hannen Swaffer As A Spiritualist

HOW TWO DEAD BATTLE OF BRITAIN PILOTS "THANKED" LORD DOWDING AT A SPIRITUALISTIC SEANCE AT ESHER FOR HIS GREAT WORK FOR BRITAIN, IS DESCRIBED BY HANNEN SWAFFER IN HIS LATEST BOOK.

ONE OF THEM HE SAYS: "IN MOVING WORDS HE EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO DOWDING FOR HAVING PASSED ON TO THE WORLD SPIRIT MESSAGES THAT HE KNEW WOULD BE OF SERVICE."

"It's wonderful to feel," the pilot said, "that we are able to help those who are left behind."

This is one of the startling passages in the story of Swaffer's "Great Assignment," his search for the truth of Spiritualism. ("My Greatest Story," Hannen Swaffer published by W. H. Allen.)

In this book the "Pope of Fleet Street"—perhaps it should be of Spiritualism—reaches the pinnacle of a career of provocative prose-writing.

He speaks of his former chief, Lord Northcliffe, as though he were present in flesh and blood: "A recent sneer about a former rival made to me in my home circle: 'Whenever I see the Daily Express, I ask it: Is your journey really necessary?'" HIS BELIEF

Another Swafferian bomb-

#### AMERICA GETS IT

London, Dec. 16. The recommendation of the United Nations Executive Committee that the site of the headquarters be located in the United States was endorsed by the Preparatory Commission to-day by the requisite two-thirds majority. Reuter.

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### OSLO SHIPOWNERS ORDER NINETY VESSELS

Oslo, Dec. 16. Oslo shipowners have ordered 90 ships, totalling 875,000 tons, from Sweden, Denmark and Norwegian shipyards. Since the liberation of the country they have received 16 new Swedish ships bought from their own government and received eight from Germany. Reuter.



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## Boy Of Fifteen's Suicide

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD EDWARD BANHAM DREW OUT A REVOLVER AND SHOT HIMSELF DEAD IN A PLYMOUTH POLICE STATION WHILE BEING QUESTIONED.

The boy, who came from Tavistock, had been missing with his 15-year-old friend, who lived next door.

Banham, who was a pupil at Tavistock Grammar School, shot himself while his father was on his way to Plymouth to take him home.

The revolver was a German-type weapon believed to have been brought from Germany. Parents of both boys had seen them together. When they did not come home it was thought at first that they might be out playing.

### LEAVING HOME

Later they discovered notes written by the boys saying they were leaving home and travelling north.

The parents informed the police, and a wide hunt was started.

Their description was circulated, and a constable in a Plymouth street recognised them.

He took them to a sub-station and was asking them where they had been when Banham produced a gun.

There was a shot, and the boy fell on the floor of the station.

### BACK AFTER 3 YEARS

San Francisco, Dec. 16. The 124th Infantry Regiment which fought one of the major battles breaking the by-passed Japanese 18th Army at Aitape, New Guinea, arrived here today after three years in the south-west Pacific. The vessel sailed from Manila on Nov. 27. Associated Press.

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# CHANNEL ISLANDER'S LEAP

## Part Of Story Of Secret Operations In Malaya

### Three-Pointed Sabotage Force

A YOUNG CHANNEL ISLANDER'S DAYLIGHT PARACHUTE LEAP INTO THE HEART OF MALAYA WHILE THE SKY WAS PACKED WITH JAPANESE FIGHTERS WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF SECRET OPERATIONS IN JAPANESE-HELD MALAYA, SOME PART OF WHICH MAY NOW BE TOLD.

THE SECRET ORGANISATION—ITS NAME IS STILL A SECRET—STARTED ITS JOB RIGHT BACK IN 1941, WHEN EUROPEAN OFFICERS WHO LIVED IN MALAYA WERE BANNED TOGETHER INTO A DARING FORCE, WHOSE JOB IT WAS TO GET INTO THE JUNGLE BEHIND THE ENEMY LINES AND WRECK COMMUNICATIONS, MAKE SUDDEN RAIDS ON ENEMY HEADQUARTERS, OR CARRY OUT AMBUSHES.

First man to lead one of these parties was Lieutenant-Colonel Freddie Chapman, famous for exploits in the Arctic and Himalayas. He and his party lost all contact with the outside world when Singapore fell. Later, a desperate attempt was made to locate them.

Captain R. M. Broome, of the Malayan Civil Service, and Captain J. L. H. Davis, of the Malayan Police, made a secret landing from a Chinese fishing vessel deep behind the enemy lines. They failed to find Chapman but occupied to Sumatra only to find that the last evacuation ship had left.

In a small native sailing vessel they made the thousand-mile crossing of the Indian Ocean to Ceylon. Despite their narrow escapes and many hardships they pleaded to be allowed to go back again to continue their lone hand in the jungle battle.

From India Captain Davis was handed with a small party of Chinese Malaysians from a Dutch submarine on the west coast of Malaya. They had to row the last six miles through fierce tides but they landed unseen and carried their boats and stores into the jungle.

Davis sent back more and more encouraging reports of Chinese guerrilla bands and in August, 1943, Captain Broome joined him. Together they planned a daring crossing of the heavily-populated and patrolled coastal belt in a bid to reach the safety of the jungle which covers the main mountain range of Malaya.

NEWS AT LAST  
Deciding that with out-and-out audacity they would get away with it, Davis and Broome and their party sailed straight through the little harbour of Pangkor while it was crowded with Japanese patrol craft.

Passed from house to house by members of the Malayan people, anti-Japanese army they learned that Chapman after last year came the final daring episode in this jungle Maquis story.

A small party of Malaysians led by a British officer, Lieut. Colonel Peter Dobree, of Guernsey, dropped by parachute in North Malaya. They took with them a radio and emergency supplies and carried out this amazing feat in broad daylight deep in enemy territory.

For three weeks there was silence for those waiting anxiously in Ceylon.

On the twenty-second day Dobree got a radio message through the Japanese and the Japanese and trekked into the jungle. A three-pointed force in Malaya was now ready to take its part in the impending recapture of the country.

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WHY NAZIS FAILED  
In a rare press interview Zhukov outlined a few reasons for the German shambles at Moscow.

He said: "For them, war was merely manoeuvres. They have neither cavalry nor skiers, their tanks cannot pass over the snow." As he talked he sparkled with sarcasm and occasional wit—do what? "The first time in months the stubborn resistance the Germans offer in towns and villages has a simple explanation. They are afraid to give up warm houses for frozen fields."

With the Germans stabilised on the central front, Zhukov was transferred to Stalingrad, menaced by the armies of von Paulus and von Manstein. The epic battle of

### CARLOS ROMULO A APPLAUD D

Washington, Dec. 16. Philippine Resident Commissioner Carlos Romulo received further plaudits in the House of Representatives yesterday when a concurrent resolution of the Philippine Congress, expressing appreciation for his services in Washington, was incorporated into the records of the House.

Rep. George Gillis told the House, regarding Romulo, that "because we know him and admire him in the United States for what he is, I am happy to inform the House how highly he also is thought of in his native country." Associated Press.

### COTTON DEMAND

New York, Dec. 16. Good mill demand for Spot cotton in the South and prospects for increased exports of United States cotton advanced the cotton futures prices in yesterday's market. There was a continuation of Friday's trade buying and commission house demand.

March futures was quoted at 24.78, May 24.74, July 24.40 cents per pound.—Associated Press.

### AS A STAFF OFFICER... CUNNING! IMAGINATIVE AND PROPHETIC. AS A FIELD GENERAL... AUDACIOUS, IMPERTURBABLE AND UNCONQUERABLE.

## Marshal Georgi Zhukov, Russia's Brilliant Leader

Whatever happens in the future, Marshal Georgi Zhukov (pronounced Joo'-kov) will go down in history as one of the greatest generals of World War II. Stalin's choice as conqueror of Berlin and perhaps as the chief Russian in the future Allied government of Germany, Zhukov has a record of military achievement without parallel in modern war.

FLUID STRATEGY  
It is Zhukov's philosophy that offensive strategy must be fluid and flexible and cannot be definitely envisaged at a table in the Kremlin. That is why he habitually takes great personal risks in order to observe his troops in action and to compare backroom strategy with front-line tactics. As a staff officer he has proved himself cunning, imaginative and prophetic. As a field general he has been audacious, imperturbable and unconquerable.

Zhukov's most dramatic performances have been in his recurrent role as Russia's Horatius-at-the-Bridge. Muscovites call him Spasitel, or saviour. In the bitter autumn of 1941 when German armies almost encircled Moscow, Stalin relieved Zhukov of his desk duties as chief of staff and entrusted him with the defence of the capital. Zhukov issued an impassioned hold-or-die order: "Not a step back!" he commanded. "Halt the fascists! Every man must fight like ten!"

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EVERYTHING AGAINST HIM  
Everything was against Zhukov's success. One of the earliest spring thaws in memory set in. His troops sank to their knees in greasy mud. But time was all-important. On March 4 Zhukov's artillery opened up. Then the tanks slipped forward through the mud on a 100-mile front. Inspired by Zhukov's presence, the First Ukrainian Army outdid itself. After two days of bitter fighting 12 German divisions were across the Soviet frontier and onto Polish soil. For his achievement the Supreme Soviet awarded Zhukov the Order of Victory, a magnificent bauble of diamonds, rubies and platinum worth \$100,000.

The climactic offensive which began January 12 this year is the fruit of Zhukov's planning. To invest Berlin, destroy Hitler's armies and end the war, Zhukov deployed an estimated 200 divisions—twice the reported total strength of the Anglo-American armies in the West—along a 400-mile front from East Prussia to the Carpathians. Characteristically he aimed the main weight of his attack straight down the Warsaw-Frankfurt highway to Berlin. And characteristically, he gave command of that most critical, most difficult sector to himself.

TACTICAL SKILL  
The speed with which his forces advanced (15 to 20 miles a day) attests not only to the efficiency of the Red Army's field supply system, which Zhukov helped evolve, but also to his own tactical skill. Zhukov is a wildly bold soldier, a student of Clausewitz and other military analysts, and an author. He repeated the oft-quoted dictum: "The commander must be a commander." Two winners ago, for example, he took Rasev by ordering his engineers to throw an "invisible" bridge across a river. It was built entirely by night, with its bulk entirely "hidden" below the surface of the water. On Rasev's D. DAY the Nazi garrison saw Zhukov's tanks miraculously

## A Scurrilous Myth Attacked

Claiming to have the support of every man of every rank in the Guards Division, the News Guardian, a British Service paper published in Bad Godesberg, says:

"A scurrilous myth is being fostered in Britain. In blunt terms the wives and widows and sisters and sweethearts of the men who form the British Army of Occupation are being asked to believe that these men—the great majority of them—are spending most of their time flirting with German girls.

"No one wishes to present that fraternisation is not taking place... But we deny the foul hints that 90 per cent, 75 per cent, even 10 per cent of the men of the B.L.A. devote such leisure hours as they have to the systematic seduction of every attractive German girl they can put their arm around.

"As soldiers we ask that we be credited with some sense of discipline some ability to control our emotions. We demand an end to this filthy campaign. Shut the mouths of the gossips."

## BRIDGE NOTES

Both crime and criminal are easy to spot to-day:

West, Dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

S—10 8 0 2

H—A 0 3

D—J 7 6 4

C—3

S—5 4 3

H—10 7 4

D—K Q

C—K 10 7 6 2

S—K Q

H—K Q J 8 5

D—A 6

C—A Q J 4

The bidding:

WEST North East South

Pass Pass Pass 1 H.

Pass 2 H. Pass 4 H.

Pass Pass Pass

West opened the diamond King.

South winning with the Ace. De-

clarer returned his low diamond.

West taking the diamond Queen

and returning a spade. East took

the spade Ace and shot back the

ten of diamonds. South discarded

the low club. West, of course,

ruffed. Later on South had to

lose a club, thus going down one

trick.

Obviously, South is the criminal,

but was his crime? Decide for

yourself before going on.

Probably South's chief crime

was in choosing a bad line of play

to begin with. He could have

made his contract by banging

down the Ace and Queen of clubs

at once. West would take the club

King, but South could ruff the low

club with dummy's trump Ace and

draw trumps before crashing the

club Jack and forcing out the

spade Ace. Another method was

to cash the King and Queen of

hearts at the second and third

tricks; then lead the diamond. If

East got in with the ace Ace to

return a diamond, South would

ruff with the Jack, lead a trump

to dummy's Ace and discard the

low club on the Jack of diamonds.

But even South's actual line of

play, although inferior, was feasible

until he let West ruff the third

round of diamonds. South should

have put up the King of trumps,

knocked the Queen, Jack, and Ace

of trumps, and taken a discard in

safety on dummy's Jack of diamonds.

Yesterday you were Merwin

Maier's partner and, with neither

side vulnerable, you held:

S—A J

H—K J 10 7

D—K 10 9 7 4

C—A K J

The bidding:

Maier Jacoby You Burnstone

1 H. Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds.

The hand is, if anything, a trifle

"light" for this very strange bid;

but the high-card strength and

profusion of Jacks and tens warrant

energetic action.

Score 100 per cent for three

diamonds, 80 per cent for two

diamonds, 40 per cent for two

no-trump, 50 per cent for three

no-trump.

QUESTION

To-day you are David Bruce

Burnstone's partner and, with

neither side vulnerable and a 50

point part-score for the opponents,

you hold:

S—6

H—K J 7 5

D—K J 8 4

C—K Q 8 3

The bidding:

Schenck You Jacoby Burnstone

1 S. (7)

What do you bid? (Answer

To-morrow.)

N. Y. STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 16.

Selected rails and copper spe-

cialties led the stock market

yesterday, in sluggish trading.

Transfers totaled 620,000 shares,

the smallest since Sept. 22.

Dow Jones averages were 22.82

with Industrials at 193.78, rails

64.49, utilities 38.14.

Canadian Pacific was quoted at

18-5/8—Chrysler 134-1/4—DuPont

139—General Motors 74-3/4—

Montgomery Ward 34-1/2—Shell

32-1/4, Secony 17-7/8—and U.S.

Steel 82.—Associated Press.

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